Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want only some idea about the provisions.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Action is taken under the Code for using obscene language and gestures, for taking away one's clothes, etc. For any other imaginary thing action is taken and I do not think any country has ever thought of making a legislation on this account.

Prosecutions for cruelty to animal.

325. Rao Bahadur Mr. P. I. Varugis.— Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) how many prosecutions there have been for cruelty to animals within the last five years;

(2) whether Government is satisfied that the law with regard to this matter is being properly enforced;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, what steps they propose to take to remedy the defect?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) 7.

(2) Government are not in possession of facts to show otherwise;

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (2).

Judicial Appointments.

326. Rao Bahadur Mr. P. I. Varugis.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection, if so, what, to give the Chief Court the power:—

(i) to nominate District Munsiffs; and

(ii) to appoint all the higher ministerial servants of the Judicial Department?

T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(i and ii) The Chief Court is already consulted in making Judicial appointments.

Offences—Police.

327. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the statistics of the last three years, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of offences brought to the notice of the Police, but could not be charge-sheeted with the names of the respective stations and Inspectors;

(b) how many of (a) murder and grievous hurt;

(c) of the charge-sheeted in (a) how many terminated in conviction and acquittal in the court;

(d) how many of (c) murder and grievous hurt?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A statement showing the number of offences with stations is appended (*Appendix II*). Several officers handled the cases, and it is not possible to give their names without referring to every case file. The information when obtained would not warrant tne time and trouble necessitated to obtain it.

(b) Murder—Nil.

Grievous hurt—1.

(c) The figures given in answer to sub-division (a) relate only to cases not charge-sheeted.

(d) No answer is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Is this relevant to the question? Has the answer anything to do with the question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I leave it to the Hon'ble Members to decide.

Cleanliness—Restaurants and Shops.

328. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they are regulating healthy cleanliness of eatables in the restaurants and shops of the State, used by the public?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Keepers of restaurants and shops of the kind referred to have to take licenses under section 156 of the Municipal Regulation. The shops are occasionally inspected and all possible modes of securing cleanliness are enforced within town limits. There are however no rules at present to regulate the shops in places outside Municipal areas.

Damages to paddy fields—Ducks.

329. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(i) have the Government received this year and last year any complaints from people of Trippunittura about the damages caused to their paddy fields by swarms of ducks let loose on the fields for feed;

(ii) have the Government conducted any enquiry on the complaints;

(iii) what were the enquiry reports, if any, from the local Revenue officer and Police officer in connection with the complaints;

(iv) have the Government the intention of taking measures to remedy the harm complained of ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 327).

Serial No.	Stations	1104		1105		1106	
		Referred cases	VI (A) cases	Referred cases	VI (A) cases	Referred cases	VI (A) cases
1	Hill Palace	..	..	...	...	1	1
2	Trippunittura Cusba	5	3	3	2	4	4
3	Ernakulam Town	3	6	7	7	2	10
4	Ernakulam Cusba	3	3	7	4	5	...
5	Mattancheri Town	1	4	2	3	4	1
6	Cochin Cusba	3	3	..	2	3	5
7	Narakkal	1	3	4	4	8	4
8	Cranganur	2	6	5	1	5	2
9	Irinjalakkuda	4	...	7	4	3	3
10	Chalakkudi	6	4	5	4	5	6
11	Urakam	3	1	3	1	4	4
12	Trichur Town	7	8	2	3	3	6
13	Trichur Cusba	10	4	5	..	4	6
14	Kunnamkulam	..	4	3	..	7	1
15	Vadakkancheri	3	3	4	1	2	4
16	Palayannur	3	2	3	1	..	1
17	Chittur	..	1	6	10	5	2
18	Nemmara	2	..	..	1	2	1

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